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IT may be ſaid, without offence to other *Cities*, of much greater conſequence in the World, that our Town of *Dublin* doth not want it's due proportion of *Folly*, and *Vice*, both Native and Imported; And as to thoſe Imported, we have the advantage to receive them laſt, and conſequently after our happy manner to improve, and refine upon them.

BUT, becauſe there are many Effects of *Folly* and *Vice* among us, whereof ſome are *General*, others confined to ſmaller Numbers and

and others again, perhaps to a few *individuals*; There is a *Society* lately eſtabliſhed, who at great expence, have Erected an *Office of Intelligence*, from which they are to receive Weekly Information of all *Important Events* and *Singularities*, which this famous *Metropolis* can furniſh. Strict injunctions are given to have the trueſt Information: In order to which, certain qualified Perſons are employed to attend upon Duty in their ſeveral Poſts; ſome at the *Play-houſe* others in *Churches*, ſome at *Balls*, *Aſſemblees Coffee-houſes*, and *Meetings* for *Quadrille*; ſome at the ſeveral *Courts of Juſtice*, both *Spiritual* and *Temporal*, ſome at the *College*, ſome upon my *Lord Mayor* and *Aldermen* in their publick Affairs; laſtly, ſome to converſe with *favourite Chamber-maids*, and to frequent thoſe *Ale-houſes*, and *Brandy-Shops*, where the *Footmen* of great Families meet in a Morning; only the *Barracks* and *Parliament-houſe* are excepted; becauſe we have yet found no *enfans perdus* bold enough to venture their Perſons at either. Out of theſe and ſome other *Store-houſes*, we hope to gather Materials enough to *Inform*, or *Divert*, or *Correct*, or *Vex* the Town.

BUT as *Facts*, *Paſſages*, and *Adventures* of all kinds, are like to have the greateſt ſhare

ſhare in our *Paper*, whereof we cannot always Anſwer for the Truth; due Care ſhall be taken to have them applyed to feigned Names, whereby all juſt Offence will be removed; for if none be guilty, none will have cauſe to Bluſh or be Angry; if otherwiſe, then the guilty Perſon is ſafe for the future upon his *preſent* Amendment, and ſafe for the *preſent*, from all but his *own Conſcience.*

THERE is another Reſolution taken among us, which I fear will give a greater and more general diſcontent, and is of ſo ſingular a Nature, that I have hardly confidence enough to mention it, although it be abſolutely Neceſſary by way of Apology, for *ſo bold and unpopular an Attempt.* But ſo it is, that we have taken a deſperate Counſel to produce into the World every diſtinguiſhed Action, either of *Juſtice*, *Prudence*, *Generoſity*, *Charity*, *Friendſhip*, or *publick Spirit*, which comes well atteſted to us. And although we ſhall neither here be ſo daring as to Aſſign Names, yet we ſhall hardly forbear to give ſome hints, that perhaps to the great diſpleaſure of ſuch deſerving Perſons may endanger a Diſcovery. For we think that even *Virtue it ſelf*, ſhould ſubmit to ſuch a *Mortification*, as by it's *viſibility*

ſibility and *example*, will render it more uſeful to the World. But however, the *Readers* of theſe *Papers* need not be in pain of being overcharged, with ſo dull and ungrateful a Subject. And yet who knows, but ſuch an occaſion may be offered to us, once in a Year or two, after we ſhall have ſettled a Correſpondence round the *Kingdom*.

BUT after all our boaſts of *Materials*, ſent us by our ſeveral *Emiſſaries*, we may probably ſoon fall ſhort, if the Town will not be pleaſed to lend us further Aſſiſtance towards entertaining it ſelf. The *World* beſt knows it's own *Faults* and *Virtues*, and whatever is ſent ſhall be faithfully returned back, only a little Embelliſhed according to the Cuſtom of AUTHORS. We do therefore *Demand* and *Expect* continual *Advertiſements* in great Numbers, to be ſent to the *PRINTER* of this *Paper*, who hath employed a *Judicious Secretary* to Collect ſuch as may be moſt uſeful for the *Publick*.

AND although we do not intend to expoſe our own Perſons by mentioning Names, yet we are ſo far from requiring the ſame Caution in our *Correſpondents*, that on the contrary, we expreſsly *Charge* and *Command* them, in all the Facts they ſend us, to ſet down

down the Names, Titles, and Places of Abode at length; together with a very particular Description of the *Perſons*, *Dreſſes*, and *Diſpoſitions* of the ſeveral *Lords Ladies*, *Squires*, *Madams*, *Lawyers*, *Gameſters*, *Toupees*, *Sots*, *Wits*, *Rakes*, and *Informers*, whom they ſhall have occaſion to mention; otherwiſe it will not be poſſible for us to adjuſt our Style to the different Qualities, and Capacities of the Perſons concerned, and Treat them with the *Reſpect* or *Familiarity*, that may be due to their *Stations* and *Characters*, which we are Determined to obſerve with the utmoſt ſtrictneſs, that none may have cauſe to Complain.

FINIS.